

Rules of Procedure for Twentieth Judicial District Nominating Commission

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I. Public Notice of Vacancies.

The Chairman, when a vacancy exists, shall forthwith issue a press release to all daily and weekly newspapers within the district or county, as may be appropriate, the Associated Press and United Press International, announcing the existence of the vacancy, that applications may be obtained from and filed by a certain date with the Chairman, and that the applications will be accorded confidentiality.

II. Processing Applications.

The Chairman shall process all applications and shall, prior to interview sessions, furnish each Commission member with a file containing a copy of each application and copies of all letters received from references and opposing counsel in cases listed by the applicant.

III. Quorum.

A quorum of the Commission shall be four voting members. However, official action of the Commission shall be determined only by a majority of all the voting members of the Commission.

IV. Confidentiality.

All Commission records, proceedings and business, including the names of applicants and the names of nominees submitted to the Governor, shall be confidential and shall not be discussed outside the Commission meetings, except to the extent necessary to conduct investigations of applicants. All communications, within or without the Commission, shall be marked "Confidential" and persons contacted orally or by letter shall be requested to treat the inquiry as confidential. The names of the nominees will be released to the press, radio and television at the same time as they are submitted to the Governor.

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